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REMARKS

This correspondence is submitted as a preliminary amendment after an RCE in the present application. After a final rejection mailed on February 17, 2005, claims 1-9 and 12-29 were examined and stood rejected. An Amendment and Response after final rejection was filed on April 18, 2005, but the Office did not enter the submitted amendments, citing "new issues" raised by the amendments. With this RCE, the Applicant requests entry of the amendment's submitted in the above-referenced Amendment and Response. Thereafter, the Applicant requests entry of the amendments recited herein.

In this preliminary amendment, no claims are cancelled (although claims 10-11 were previously cancelled). New claims 30-38 are added. No claims are amended. Reconsideration and reexamination is requested.

Examiner Interview Summary

The Undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for her time and consideration in a telephone call regarding the present application. During the telephone call, the Undersigned responded to a voice message inquiry left by the Examiner regarding this matter. Thereafter, the Examiner and the Undersigned discussed the Examiner's meaning of the Note ("Continuation of 3") in the Advisory Action mailed May 2, 2005.

New Claims

New claims 30-38 are believed allowable as they claim features not disclosed or suggested in the cited prior art. Furthermore, as submitted in the Amendment and Response of April 18, 2005, the Applicant maintains that the Office's combination of the Walker and Nulu references is improper.

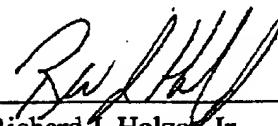
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Conclusion

Based on the amendments and remarks herein, the Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 1-9 and 12-38 in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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